

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

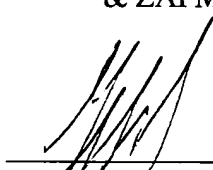
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to help expedite any further prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any fees or fee deficiencies under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

[0002] This is a continuation of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/280,661 [\_\_\_\_\_], entitled "Alignment of TDM-based signals for Packet Transmission using Framed and Unframed Operations" filed March 31, 2001.